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TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ON THE CUT-OFF

TWENTY-FOUR LIVES LOST BY POWDER EXPLOSION

One Woman and Three Children Are Among the Victims of the Death-Dealing Blast.

Many Laborers Injured, Two of Whom Will Die— Jackson Station Wiped Out of Existence.

(Special to The Herald.)
GLEN, Feb. 19.—The worst accident in the construction of the Ogden-Lucan cut-off happened about 3:30 today at Jackson, a siding on the Ogden-Lucan cut-off work, eighty-nine miles west from Ogden and about fifteen miles eastward from New Lucan, on the main line. Probably no less than thirty lives were lost, and probably half that number maimed. Two carloads of explosives, one of black and the other of giant powder, ignited with awful results. It so happened that the accident occurred near the station and one of the trains there were a number of Greek laborers. These two circumstances aided in swelling the mortality list, and yet it is a marvel that so many escaped.

The Burke family was annihilated, a father and mother, his brother and three children. These were T. W. Burke, reumacher, son James, aged 6, a little daughter, aged 4, and a baby boy. These, with their mother, were killed almost instantly.

W. J. Burke, general foreman for the company, happened to be visiting his brother, and he, too, was killed.

The Dead.
T. W. Burke, section foreman, wife and three children.
J. W. Burke, general foreman.
W. L. Haller, messenger, Andrews, Ind.
Owen Dermody, conductor, Beaverdam, Wis.
Sixteen Greek laborers.

The Injured.
Leina, engineer, slightly.
Courtney, conductor, slightly.
Stanton, engineer, back, not serious.
Taylor, telegraph operator, and wife, injuries about face and body.
Seven Greeks were seriously injured. About 6:30 the special train left Ogden with Doctors Perkins, Joyce, Gordon and Toppan. Another train with three undertakers at 8 p. m.

The dead bodies will arrive some time this morning. Many of them were so badly mangled or burned that they may not be recognized.

The dead and injured Greeks had considerable sums of money on their persons. They are thrifty and do not keep their money in the banks, but in belts about their persons. It is said

that hardly a man of them had at least \$400.

Ran Into Powder Car.

As near as can be learned the manner of the accident was this: A supply train going from Ogden west was heading in at Jackson and was partly in on the siding. A water train of seven cars coming east from New Lucan ran into the others, catching the car of black powder right on the spot. This car caught fire and exploded, touching off the giant powder. Only a few seconds passed after the collision until the explosion occurred, rending the earth and wrecking the buildings. The depot, a five-room frame structure, was utterly demolished. Car wheels, engine rods and scraps of boiler plate were hurled through the walls and roof of the structure and the place reduced to kindling wood.

Wreck Caught Fire.

Immediately afterwards the place took fire, cars, buildings and everything inflammable burning to the ground. Of the five engines which were at the siding when the wreck occurred, only a fragment was left large enough to indicate what had been its use. Confusion reigned for a while but finally the unharmed rushed to the rescue. A train was made up with the locomotive from the gravel pit at Horap as the motive power, and in a short time these serious injured were in cabooses on the way to Ogden over the trustee.

Died on the Way.

Of those who died on the way in, they were George Dermody and Mail Carrier Hallard. Dermody died within half an hour after the explosion and Hallard died just about as the train reached Lake Station.

A dozen carriages were lined up along the siding and the injured came in by an anxious but entirely orderly crowd was in waiting. The train arrived about 10:30. Quietly the injured were carried to a waiting car. Now and then a swaddled figure would be lowered to the ground and would walk out to the carriage, assisted by the unharmed. One man was able to walk unaided, though his face showed burns and his clothing had been blown to rags and hung in tatters down his back.

Escape of Trainmen.

Conductor S. J. Courtney, who was on the gravel train, narrowly escaped death. He was just passing from the

caboose to the engine when the explosion occurred. The force of the explosion struck him in the back and side, carrying him about fifty feet away. He remembered lighting on the ground and jumping up, but was so terribly dazed he fell backwards unconscious until picked up and placed on the train, when he came to. The back of his coat was cut out as neatly as though it had been done with a knife. He was brought to Ogden and taken to a hospital on the first train. E. D. Butler, another employee, was carried some distance away, but was only slightly bruised. He heroically rushed back to the injured and tore his clothes from his back to wrap up the wounded.

Brakenen Volsberg was blown in the air for some distance but escaped with only slight injury.

Two of the Injured Will Die.

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John Contis, the well known merchant of Ogden, received word that his son, Louis Contis, was killed in the explosion. He has a wife and four children who are still in Greece. Mr. Contis went out to the scene of the catastrophe to bring his brother's remains in.

A second special, bringing four more

injured, arrived about 11 o'clock. Two of these were Engineer James Stanton and a man named Williams. Their injuries are not considered serious. Of the injured it is believed all will recover excepting the two Greeks mentioned.

Officials Notified.

The county officials of Box Elder county were notified of the catastrophe and the coroner, together with other officials, went out to the scene of the explosion by special train about midnight last night. An inquest will be held over the dead this morning, after which they will be brought to Ogden and prepared for burial. The latest report shows sixteen Greeks dead, besides the Americans.

At the Ogden general hospital Drs. Jordan, Joyce and Perkins, assisted by the corps of nurses, worked for hours caring for the injured. At 1:30 a. m. they completed their labors. Dr. Perkins, the Southern Pacific physician, announced that none had been badly hurt. "One man's arm is broken and the others have been burned more or less seriously, none of them fatally," he said.

Swathed in Bandages.

In a number of instances the entire face was burned. The whole head was swathed in bandages, the only holes being for the eyes, nose and mouth, the cloth sheathing every inch of the head, making a gruesome and ghastly appearance.

Tremendous Explosion.

The explosion was terrific and the

town of Terrace, fifteen miles to the north on the main line of the Southern Pacific, was shaken as by an earthquake. The telegraph station at Colon, fifty-five miles distant, had every window pane broken. The explosion was so tremendous that the first knowledge of the disaster instead of being received by Terrace and Lucan, operators at those points reporting to headquarters, was by a message from the telegraph station at Terrace, looking south, across the old lake bottom, to an immense cloud of white smoke ascending from Jackson Point, and spread out at a great height and then flames burst forth.

This information was given to Lucan and a fireman was started out from that station on a handcar to inquire into the disaster, and if possible repair the damage to the telegraph line, communication by wire over the cut-off having been destroyed. He had not gone far when an engine and a caboose were met carrying the dying and wounded from one of the worst disasters which has ever occurred on the Southern Pacific.

News Sent to Ogden.

When the train reached Lucan at about 4:20 p. m., Ogden time, the first authentic news was wired into the division headquarters at Ogden, informing Mr. Scott that in a collision of extra train, engine 2316, eastbound, and extra train, engine 2831, westbound, at Jackson's Point, men, women and children had been blown to pieces, many persons had been injured, a telegraph station and eight cars had been reduced

to splinters and then consumed in the flames, and two engines demolished, one of the engines being stripped of cab, side rods and everything movable.

Scene at the Wreck.

Where the explosion occurred there was a hole blown into the ground large enough to bury a train. Five hundred yards of track were displaced and three miles of telegraph poles blown down. The dead were scattered for hundreds of feet in all directions, and a majority of the victims had their clothes blown off. One Greek was found headless, and the children of Section Foreman Burke had their arms and legs torn off. A laborer was pulled out of the burning debris, his lower limbs on fire. The injured were covered with blood, and one heroic little woman, her face scared with deep gasps that poured out a stream of blood, unmindful of her own injuries, helped gather up the dead and dying.

Harrowing Sight.

A witness to the scene of destruction said he walked out to where the children were packed in death, and threw a few garments over them. A few feet away was the mother and just beyond the father and his brother—a whole family wiped out.

POSSES ARMED TO THE TEETH

People of Northern Montana Determined to Rid the Country of the Notorious Jones Gang of Thieves and Murderers.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 19.—A desperate man-hunt was begun in northern Montana this morning, when two posses of determined men left Great Falls for the purpose of hunting the notorious Jones gang of thieves and murderers. The posse of the Indian agent of the Fort Peck agency.

The Jones gang has terrorized Valley county for ten years, becoming bolder each year. Horse stealing, raids on stock ranches, burning ranch buildings and highway robbery were their chief offenses, although murder and kidnaping are also laid at their door. Should the posse overtake the desperadoes in the future, it is expected that a desperate battle will ensue.

Colored Man Was Charged With Murdering a Planter, and a Mob

Weakens Vengeance.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 19.—Glenn Bays, a negro, was burned at the stake today near Crozer, on the charge of murdering J. D. Stephens of Ashley. Stephens, who was a wealthy planter, had a few words with Bays, and the negro, who was armed with a shotgun and killing Stephens at close range. The negro made his escape. Bloodhounds were secured and the negro trailed to his father's house and he was found hiding in a well. He was bound to a stake in his father's yard, and the negro was slowly burned to death.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—A special to the Republic from Cresette, Ark., says:

Byrs made a full confession just after he was captured, admitting that he had premeditated killing Stephens. He laughed when asked how he wanted to die, saying it made no difference to him, as he knew full well his hour had arrived. The mob was extremely quiet, and was composed of Ashley county farmers, both white and black. After Byrs had made his confession it was agreed unanimously that he be burned to death at the stake.

When the negro heard this decision he showed no signs of fear. He was bound to a post and brush and sticks were piled about him. The pyre was ignited and the negro, slowly roasting, maintained defiance until his head fell forward in death. His body was burned to ashes.

CLEVELAND DOES NOT CARE WHAT BRYAN SAYS

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 19.—"I don't care any more about what Bryan says than the wind that blows. I'm sure it don't bother me any. Let him talk," said Grover Cleveland today, when asked what he thought of Mr. Bryan's remarks in taking exception to what Cleveland said recently in an article in the Saturday Evening Post. Cleveland declined to comment further on the article, saying:

"I think the article explains itself, and I have not anything more to say about it."

EMPRESS DOWAGER IS REPORTED DEAD

London, Feb. 19.—A special dispatch from Canton says it is reported in official circles there that the dowager empress of China is dead.

The Chinese legation here has heard nothing of the reported death of the dowager empress, and discredits it. Neither Canton nor Hong Kong are reliable sources of news.

WANTED IN DENVER FOR CRIME OF MURDER

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Miff, wanted in Denver to answer the charge of murder, has been arrested by the local police on a telegraphic description of the Denver police. The woman is supposed to be wanted for connection with a criminal operation upon a young woman. She is expected to return without extradition papers. It is believed the woman arrived here a week ago and opened an office, advertising herself to be a fortune teller. While here she went under the name of Benton.

REV. YEAMAN DEAD.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—Rev. Pope Yeaman, for twenty years moderator of the Missouri Baptist association, died suddenly today, aged 74 years.

POLICE IN WITH THE GAMBLERS

Riot at Madison. Across the River From St. Louis.

SIX WOUNDED, ONE MAY DIE

**OUTCOME OF WAR WAGED ON
POOLROOMS.**

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—In an effort to close a pool room that has, for a long time, operated in the outskirts of Madison, Ill., across the river from St. Louis, three constables, augmented by a posse of citizens and bearing warrants for the arrest of six men, connected with the pool room, precipitated a riot late today which resulted in the shooting of six men, one of whom may die.

The Wounded.

Lee Haylan, druggist, probably mortally.
William Schooley, policeman, shot in the arm.
Edward Harris, spectator, not seriously.
Edward Downs, seriously.

Warrants had been sworn out before a justice of the peace of Granite City, adjoining Madison, and placed in the hands of Constable John G. Glass and two other constables, for the arrest of Whitfield Brooks and Eugene Wall of Granite City, and Thomas Riley, Charles Greenleaf, Thomas Manley and Martin Jones of St. Louis, charging them with being connected with the pool room.

Police Were Inside.

The three constables appeared at the pool room to serve the warrants. Two policemen were within, and declared they had arrested the operators of the pool room and were guarding them. Betting was going on as usual at the time.

The constables were ordered to leave the premises, which they did after considerable argument. Proceeding through the neighborhood for the next half hour the constables organized a posse of citizens numbering about fifty persons. The constables and posse then returned to the pool room and entered.

Shots Fired.

They were at once ordered out and the doors were ordered locked. The posse demurred and words followed. One policeman, it is stated, pointed a shotgun at Policeman McCambridge, who fired a revolver pointed at the ceiling. Firing then became general. The crowd in the pool room scattered hurriedly, many fleeing into a waiting Illinois Central train until it became packed. When the fusillade was over the constables and posse had possession. The bookmakers, however, tonight asserted that the pool room will be open as usual tomorrow. Although the pool room men are now constructively under arrest, the police say they will not permit the citizens to interfere. Four policemen were arrested tonight, charged with rioting.

ASHORE IN A FOG.

Belgian Steamer Has a Narrow Escape From Destruction.

London, Feb. 19.—The Belgian steamer "Philippe," which left Antwerp yesterday for the Congo, with 100 passengers on board, went ashore off Dungeness, Kent, in a fog today. Life boats and tugs are in attendance upon her. She was subsequently floated and proceeded for her destination.

The British steamer Lake Michigan, from John N. B. and Halifax for London, has been in collision and is anchored near Dungeness, awaiting the cargo, and the steamer was beached in a sinking condition.

The vessel with which the Lake Michigan collided was the British bark Matherhorn from San Francisco, Sept. 18, for Antwerp. She has passed Dover in tow, with her head-gear gone and her bows damaged.

MONTANA MURDERER CAUGHT IN DAKOTA

Butte, Mont., Feb. 19.—George Valga has been arrested at Laramie, North Dakota, on the charge of murdering another Slavonian, name unknown, three days ago near Stockholm, in the northern part of this state yesterday. The dead man's pockets had been turned inside out. When the two men were seen together at Sand Coulee a few days ago, the victim had \$1,000 in his possession. The unknown man and Valga left Sand Coulee together a few days ago. There were five bullet holes in the body.

NOT INSTRUCTED.

Defiance, O., Feb. 19.—The Republican congressional convention of the Fifth Ohio district nominated W. W. Campbell of Napoleon representative at large in a vote of 32 to 26 decided not to instruct its delegates to vote for President Roosevelt at the national convention.

WAR THE ONLY TOPIC.

Everything Else Has Been Cast Aside in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—Today at tomorrow, the closing days of carnival week, will be observed practically only by a cessation of work. There will be little recollection of the carnival this year, not remembered. There have been no festivities and no gay parties in the island. Instead people gathered about the harbor, and in the streets following the troops departing to the front.

None of the reports from abroad renewed Japanese attacks on Port Arthur has yet been officially confirmed, although private advices continue to reach here of an attempted landing which was repulsed.

Will Not Participate.

An official confirmation announced Russia's withdrawal from participation in the St. Louis exposition is published in the following terms:

"The ministry of finance here brings to the notice of intending exhibitors at St. Louis that in view of the refusal of merchants and manufacturers, owing to existing circumstances, to send exhibits to America, the Russian government has recognized the necessity to decline to participate in the aforesaid exposition."

The Novosibirsk is a leading export for Secretary Hay's proposal

GENERAL MIXUP SEEMS LIKELY

England and France Trying to Buy Chilean Warships.

ARMIES SLOWLY GATHERING

SO FAR NO LAND BATTLES HAVE OCCURRED.

New York, Feb. 19.—Both England and France are trying to buy four or five Chilean warships, says a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso. The English bid is the better one. It is also rumored that England has made a proposal to buy all the Chilean squadron excepting three French built ships.

Tokio, Feb. 19.—Captain Kurkama, commander of the Japanese armored ship Chiyoda, today presented the emperor with the shot-torn flag of the Russian cruisers Varig and Kozietz, which were sunk at Chemulpo on Feb. 9. The emperor was much affected. He congratulated Kurkama and made him the bearer of an affectionate message to the officers and men of the fleet.

London, Feb. 20.—"An American squadron is expected here," telegraphs the Che Foe correspondent of the Morning Post under date of Feb. 19, "and it is reported that the Americans intend to land a force of marines. There are rumors of possible trouble with Germany, which claims exclusive rights in Shan Tung province, China. Only three Russian warships at Port Arthur remain intact."

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Complete stagnation in war news leads the newspapers this morning to discuss the political aspect of the struggle for the east as it is likely to affect Great Britain. No great importance is attached to the stories published in Paris and elsewhere on the continent of alleged intrigues looking to the coalition of Russia, France and Germany, the belief being that it is to the disadvantage of all the powers to take steps to localize the struggle.

At the same time it is recognized that in all three of these countries there is a feeling of uneasiness over Britain on account of her alliance with Japan, and as Germany and France joined with Russia in 1895 against Japan, it would be natural for Russia to seek similar assistance in her present difficulties. The argument is therefore made that it behooves Great Britain to be prepared for any such results. News of the abolition of the Russian censorship has not yet reached the English newspapers.

Englishmen in Danger.

Russian dispatches to the London press record a revival of Anglophobic feeling. According to the Kiev correspondent of the Standard, many English boys have been with-held from the streets owing to the annoyances and insults to which they are subjected, and there is evidence in the restaurants and other places of a strong feeling against the British residents in Kiev would be dangerous should Great Britain become involved in the Russo-Japanese war.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail supplies a new version of the Russian cruiser Boyarin, obtained from an officer who survived the blowing up of the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei. This officer says that on the day following the Yenisei's catastrophe, he saw Russian soldiers carrying many mines to the surface of the water at Port Arthur. The Boyarin was sent to assist in securing the mines, but she was caught in the storm, driven on the rocks and was sunk.

Official Denials Explained.

If this account is correct it explains the Russian official denials that the Boyarin was torpedoed by the Japanese, or that she was sunk as a result of accidental contact with a Russian mine at Port Arthur.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Express asserts that after an interview with the Japanese consul at Shanghai the captain of the Russian gunboat Mandur consented to disarm his vessel and to keep it in the harbor of Shanghai until the conclusion of hostilities. This statement, however, is not yet confirmed by other Shanghai dispatches.

The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports that 1,500 Cossack troops are crossing the Yalu river into Korea, and that the Cossack squadrons have already advanced into Korea as far as Anju.

Cable dispatches from Shanghai to General Ma, who is protecting the borders of Pe Chi Li province, wires that it is becoming daily more difficult to prevent the Japanese from crossing the Yalu river, and that the King, from crossing the Yalu River and engaging the Russians in Mukden in guarding the railroad near Mukden.

TACT OF KING EDWARD

London, Feb. 19.—The royal eulogy of Lord Roberts, contained in the special army order issued yesterday evening, in which the king took leave of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief of the army, is commented upon as another instance where the tact of the king rescued the ministers from an awkward dilemma. The exceedingly courteous manner in which the war office dismissed Lord Roberts deeply incensed the late commander-in-chief, and this feeling was shared by the public to such an extent that it threatened to lead to a serious attack on the government in parliament. The king's first intimation of his disapproval of the war office treatment was to invite Lord Roberts to Buckingham palace, where marked attention was shown to the field marshal. This has now been followed by the general army order, which was sent out by the king personally.

GERMANY SECURES IMPORTANT RIGHTS IN PROVINCE OF SHAN TUNG

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—It is reported at Wei Hsien (the most important city in the province of Shan Tung) that Germany has secured the right to inaugurate a uniform police system in all the cities of Shan Tung. The Chinese received the announcement favorably.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—In considering an item in the foreign office budget providing \$3,500,000 for expenses in the far east, including the maintenance of German troops at Kiao Chou, Shan Tung province, and the Chi Li province, China, some of the members of the Reichstag appropriations committee today objected to the expenses as being unnecessarily burdensome.

Foreign Secretary von Rithofen confidentially gave to the committee certain information about far eastern conditions, and he added in the public session that Germany had 1,539 men, including non-combatants, in Great Britain had 2,735; France, 1,781; Japan, 1,287, and Italy, 771 men in China. The present force in Chi Li province, the secretary explained, was really too weak to maintain internal order, while the 600 reserves in Kiao Chou were a slender precaution for the preservation of the neutrality of the district. There was no time, he added, to weaken German representation diplomatically or militarily in the far east.

PAST FAVORS RECALLED

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 19.—The house committee on federal relations of the Iowa legislature has received a resolution calling attention to the possible effects of the Russo-Japan war on Christian civilization and commerce in the far east, of the uniform kindly attitude of Russia toward this country during our entire history, their sympathy for our struggle for independence, and their great service to us during the war of the rebellion. It urges that as a neutral power we should carefully refrain from expressing a sympathy that would indicate that we are unmindful of past favors. If the time comes when it is necessary in the interest of foreign commerce to take a hand in the conflict, we should, it says, cast our lot with a power that is friendly rather than commercially unfriendly to us.



WHERE THE TAXPAYER GETS OFF